Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace paragraph starting at paragraph number 2 with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0002] The present application is also related to U.S. Patent Application No. 10/613,825 (Atty. Dkt. No. 029573-0301) entitled VIRTUAL FINGER METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROCESSING DIGITAL COMMUNICATION SIGNALS; U.S. Patent Application No. 10/613,897 (Atty. Dkt. No. 029573-0401) entitled BUFFER METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROCESSING DIGITAL COMMUNICATION SIGNALS; U.S. Patent Application No. 10/613,477 (Atty. Dkt. No. 029573-0501) entitled SEARCHING METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROCESSING DIGITAL COMMUNICATION SIGNALS; and U.S. Patent Application No. 10/613,853 (Atty. Dkt. No. 029573-0601) entitled FLEXIBLE METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PERFORMING DIGITAL MODULATION AND DEMODULATION, all of which are assigned to the same assignee as the present application and are filed on an even date herewith.